REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner during an interview conducted on September 18, 2002 and continued in a telephone conversation on September 25, 2002. These discussions resulted in an agreement that the new claims submitted in this amendment are allowable. Claims 1-46 were pending in the present application. The Examiner provided an oral restriction requirement and Applicant elected to pursue claims directed to methods of displaying (such as claims 1-22) in this application as opposed to claims directed to methods of entering a trade orders (such as 23-46).

By way of this amendment, claims 1-46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 47-58 have been added. These new claims are directed to a particular aspect of the invention. The specification has been amended editorially to correct typographical errors and to reiterate changes made in the parent application. No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, claims 47-58 are pending for consideration. The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is earnestly solicited.

As discussed with the Examiner, the new claims are directed to a method of dynamically displaying market information relative to a static price axis where the prices levels, and displays of bid and ask indicators are consolidated. This allows the trader to view a greater range of prices and a wider view of the market. One benefit of the consolidation feature is that it allows a trader to change the scale of the static price axis.

As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant intends on pursuing claims 1-22, claims 23-46 and possibly other claims in a separate continuation application. There has been no prior art cited that would preclude the patentability of claims 1-46. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant cancelled these claims without prejudice and decided to pursue the new claims to expedite the allowance of this application.

Based on Applicant's discussions with the Examiner and in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully

requested. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Below are the marked up replacement paragraph(s):

Page 11, paragraph [0040] ...

In the screen display shown in Figure 2, the commodity (contract) being traded is represented in row 1 by the character string "CDH0". The Depth column 208 will inform the trader of a status by displaying different colors. Yellow indicates that the program application is waiting for data. Red indicates that the [Market Depth] program application has failed to receive the data from the server and has "timed out." Green indicates that the data has just been updated. The other column headings in this and all of the other figures, are defined as follows. *BidQty (Bid Quantity)*: the quantity for each working bid, *BidPrc (Bid Price)*: the price for each working bid, *AskPrc (Ask Price)*: the price for each working ask, *AskQty (Ask Quantity)*: the quantity for each working ask, *LastPrc (Last Price)*: the price for the last bid and ask that were matched in the market and *LastQty (Last Quantity)*: the quantity traded at the last price. *Total* represents the total quantity traded of the given commodity.

Page 22, paragraph [0075] ...

Using the screen display and values from Figure 5, the placement of trade orders using the Mercury display and trading method is now described using examples. A left click on the 18 in the BidQ column 1201 will send an order to market to buy 17 lots (quantity # chosen on the Quantity Description pull down menu cell 1204) of the commodity at a price of 89 (the corresponding price in the Prc column 1203). Similarly, a left click on the 20 in the AskQ column 1202 will send an order to market to [buy] sell 17 lots at a price of 90.